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Application No.: 10/662,992

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Art Unit: 1754

For: PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF
METAL FLUORIDE MATERIALS

Examiner: Ngoc Yen M Nguyen

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed October 11, 2006, applicant hereby traverses the outstanding restriction requirement and requests reconsideration based on the following remarks.

The Examiner has taken the position that each metal in the periodic table constitutes a species of generic claim 1, and that Applicant must elect a single species for prosecution. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's contention that each metal, or species has different modes of operations or effects. Applicant respectfully submits that the metals of the period table are differentiated into different groups having similar properties, for example alkali metals, alkaline earth metals, transition metals, poor metals, etc. Applicant respectfully asserts that if there are species to claim 1 based on the selection of the metal, the species should consist of the metal groups and not individual metals. Instead of being forced to select a single metal as a species for prosecution, Applicant respectfully asserts that it should be allowed to select a metal group as the elected species for continued prosecution.

Election of Species

Applicant hereby elects for continued prosecution the transition group metals.

Provisional Election of Species

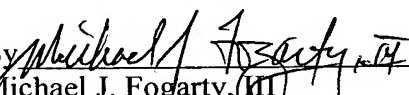
In the interest of a speedy prosecution, should the Examiner maintain the restriction requirement as written, Applicant hereby elects, with continuing traverse, the metal iron, having an atomic number of 26.

Upon reviewing the claims, Applicant believes claims 1-33 to be generic and claim 34 to be descriptive of the elected species or provisionally elected species.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge Deposit Account No. 06-2380, under Order No. 50715/P004US/10311738 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Dated: November 13, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

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